COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

COMPLAINT NUMBER: 1957.02 COMPLAINT INVESTIGATOR: John Hill

DATE OF COMPLAINT: September 30, 2002 DATE OF REPORT: October 28, 2002

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION: no

DATE OF CLOSURE: December 18, 2002

COMPLAINT ISSUES:1

Whether the Kokomo-Center Township Consolidated School Corporation and the Kokomo Area Special Education Cooperative violated:

511 IAC 7-27-4 by failing to convene a case conference committee (CCC) meeting to make additions to the student's individualized educational program (IEP) and to have the parent sign the student's IEP.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

- 1. The Student is twelve-years-old and attends the elementary school (the "School"). The Student has been determined eligible for special education and related services as a student with other health impairments and a communication disorder.
- 2. The parent states that the school changed the Student's IEP, dated April 4, 2002 by implementing the Tucker Reading Program.
- 3. The School's response indicates that the Tucker Reading Program is being utilized as a methodology to address the Student's Reading goal.
- 4. The Student's CCC Summary/IEP, dated April 12, 2002, contains a reading goal for the Student to improve reading skills, comprehension and de-coding. The CCC Summary/ IEP does not specify a methodology or a specific strategy that will be utilized to address the Student's reading goal.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Findings of Fact #2 and #3 indicate that the school is utilizing the Tucker Reading Program. Finding of Fact #4 indicates that the Student's IEP did not address a specific methodology, therefore no violation of 511 IAC 7-27-4 is found.

The Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Learners requires no corrective action based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions listed above.

¹ The complainant originally identified two issues, but withdrew one of the allegations during the course of the investigation. Therefore, this complaint investigation report addresses only one issue.